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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/615,569 filed 07-07-03
Applicant: Johnson et al.
Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGING OBJECTS WITH
WAVEFIELDS**
Group Art Unit:
Attorney Docket No. 22027.CIP3.CON2

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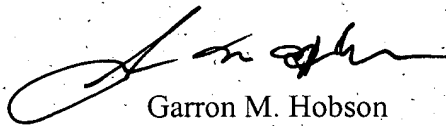
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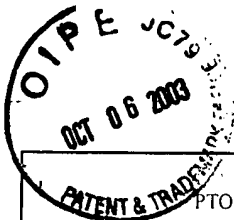
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